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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 689
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Margaret Frances
Talley Bone of Wilson County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of Mrs. Margaret Bone, mother of our esteemed colleague, Representative Stratton Bone; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bone was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime resident of Wilson County, Margaret Bone was the quintessential "pillar of the community" and a voice of integrity of the Lebanon community; her open heart, indomitable spirit, and steadfast principles endeared her to many Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, born and raised as Margaret Frances Talley, she was the daughter of the late Carver Chalmers and Ferrie Ola Wilson Talley; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bone was a gifted educator who gave unreservedly of herself to develop this state's most precious resource—our children; and

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WHEREAS, throughout her excellent service, Margaret Bone adhered to the common sense approach and displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as an esteemed member of the English and French faculty of Lebanon High School until 1934, Mrs. Bone also taught first grade at McClain School for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Bone was an extremely giving and patient person who motivated her students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts. She was a never-ending source of inspiration to those who knew and cherished her and was tremendously admired by students and faculty alike; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual whose benevolence knew no bounds, Mrs. Bone lent her many talents as a longtime member of the Cumberland University Board of Trust and the Woman's Club; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Bone was a sterling individual who gave unreservedly of herself, her time and her talents to perpetuate the public good of the greater Lebanon community; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Cumberland University presented Mrs. Bone with the coveted Award of the Phoenix for her contributions to the ideals and traditions of the university, and in 1993, she was honored as a Distinguished Alumna during Cumberland University's Centennial of Cumberland Women Celebration for her exemplary services as a teacher, churchwoman, and mother; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Bone faithfully worshiped the Lord as an active and devout member of First Presbyterian Church and Women of the Church, where she used her outstanding educational skills to teach children about God as a Vacation Church school teacher and Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer for women in the church, she was also the founder of the Women's Forum in 1936; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bone was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, Margaret Bone enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, the late Sam Stratton Bone, Sr.; they provided love, guidance and strong family values to their three sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Robert Carver and Connie Bone, Harold Gordon and Pat Bone, and State Representative Sam Stratton and Marty Bone, Jr.; and her beloved grandchildren, James Douglas Bone, Robert Carver Bone II, Margaret Suanne Bone, Bonnie Lesley Bone, and Harold Gordon Bone, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bone leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is rare when a person of Mrs. Margaret Bone's stature walks among us; her brilliance shone down on us as she worked to improve the quality of life for the good people of Wilson County and all citizens of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to remember the bountiful life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mrs. Margaret Frances Talley Bone, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her outstanding contributions to this state, and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere condolences to our trusted colleague, State Representative Stratton Bone, the entire Bone family, and to all of those friends and admirers of Mrs. Bone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.

